

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 20 and substitute therefore the following new claims 21-26:

21. (Previously Presented) A three-layer, air-permeable, flat-shaped laminate having stretchability and restoration properties consisting of:

two outer layers made of a porous fibrous or filamentous batting; and

a rubbery elastic inner layer disposed between and adherent to said two outer layers;

said inner layer consisting of 0.1 to 1.5 mm thick strands of thermoplastic adhesives in a latticework configuration which adheres directly to said outer layers and penetrates partially into the batting material thus improving attachment, the thermoplastic adhesive strands having elastic properties at room temperature such that the lattice work permits elastic stretching under tensile loading and restoration when the tension is released.

22. (Previously Presented) The laminate according to claim 21, wherein the adhesive strands are applied as parallel strips.

23. (Previously Presented) The laminate according to claim 22, wherein said parallel strips are disposed along a path which is straight or meandering.

24. (Currently Amended) The laminate according to claim 21, wherein said adhesive strands run in zig-zag or sinusoid curves and wherein each adjacent pair of strands have vertices which touch or overlap in a mirror symmetric configuration, ~~forming a waffle-like configuration.~~

25. (Previously Presented) The laminate according to claim 24, wherein the fibrous or filamentous batting comprises polyolefins.

26. (New) The laminate according to claim 21, wherein the fibrous or filamentous batting comprises polyolefins.